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Dear Sir:

Our file for the subject application reveals that despite the fact that the Interview Summary mailed May 4, 2004 states "a response to the After Final Amendment received on 4/06/2004 would be mailed after consultation with an SPRE concerning Applicant's foreign priority date" and the undersigned has made multiple follow-up telephone calls, we have received no response to the After Final Amendment. The undersigned urgently requests that a response to the After Final Amendment be mailed at the earliest convenience.

Please inform us as to the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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